

# RESTORATION OF VOTING RIGHTS

## A TABLE SUMMARIZING TENNESSEE LAW

CONVICTION DATE	CRIMES FORFEITING VOTING RIGHTS	RESTORATION DOCUMENT NEEDED
After May 18, 1981 to present....	<p>All Felonies</p> <p><b>(Note: Exceptions</b> - Persons convicted of any of the following, cannot have his or her voting rights restored: 1)between July 1, 1986, and June 30, 1996 - first degree murder, aggravated rape, treason, or voter fraud 2) between July 1, 1996, and June 30, 2006 - murder, rape, treason, or voter fraud 3) on or after July 1, 2006 - any of the above, or any degree of murder or rape or any felony offense under TCA Title 39, Chapter 16, parts 1, 4, or 5; or any sexual offense under TCA 40-39-202(17) or any violent sexual offense under TCA 40-39-202(25) designated as a felony and where the victim of such offense was a minor)</p>	<p>A Certificate of Restoration of Voting Rights completed by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) the pardoning authority; or</li> <li>2) an agent or officer of the supervising or incarcerating authority; and/or</li> <li>3) the agent of the circuit/criminal court clerk</li> </ol> <p>Bring the completed Certificate of Restoration of Voting Rights to the office in your county. The Administrator shall send a copy of the Certificate of Restoration of Voting Rights to the Coordinator of Elections for verification. Upon verification that the applicant does not have any outstanding child support obligations due, the person may be registered to vote.</p>
Between January 15, 1973 and May 17, 1981	None	None
Before January 15, 1973	<p>One of the following convictions:</p> <p><b>(Note:</b> The judgment must find the person infamous)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Abusing a female child;</li> <li>2. Arson and felonious burning;</li> <li>3. Bigamy;</li> <li>4. Bribery;</li> <li>5. Burglary; felonious breaking and entering a dwelling house; felonious breaking into a business house, outhouse other than a dwelling house; larceny; horse stealing; robbery; receiving stolen property; stealing bills of exchange or other valuable papers;</li> <li>6. Destroying a will</li> <li>7. Incest; rape; sodomy; buggery; or</li> <li>8.Perjury; subornation of perjury.</li> </ol>	<p>One (1) of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Conviction Judgment absent a finding of Infamy;</li> <li>2. Circuit Court Judgment;</li> <li>3. Reversal of Conviction on Appeal; or</li> <li>4. Pardon (restoring full rights of citizenship)</li> </ol>